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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 30, 31, 47 and 90 - 95 as follows:

30. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein the Java array has an element type and the proxy component has an element type corresponding to the Java array's element type, and wherein the proxy component includes one or more array subscript operators that return a context-aware instance of the proxy [array's element] component's type.

31. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein the Java array has a primitive element type, and the proxy component [is] has a primitive element type corresponding to the Java array's element type [array proxy component including] and includes one or more array subscript operators that return a primitive value.